

Dear Secretary Shalala:

I'm writing to express my concern about the possible weakening of labeling requirements for irradiated food that is being considered by the Food & Drug Administration. I strongly believe that it is my right to know if the food I eat has been treated with radiation.

Food products undergo chemical changes after exposure to radioactive isotopes. These cosmetic & nutritional changes in foods warrant disclosure on a prominent place on the package. In addition, food that is not packaged should be accompanied by a poster in plain view of where it is displayed for sale. Labels are required by law to be truthful & not misleading to the customer. Only clear, honest & permanent labeling is acceptable for irradiated foods.

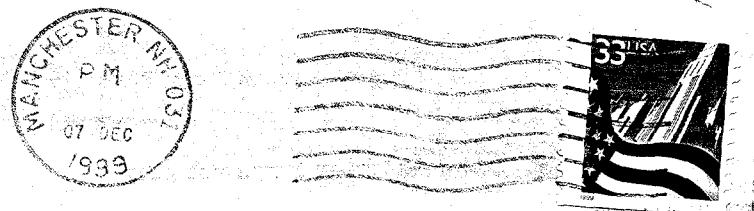
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